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Local Women In Agriculture Conference Set for March 1st

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The Wildcat Extension District, Community National Bank and Trust and Labette County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) are jointly hosting the 11th annual Women In Agriculture Conference on Friday, March 1, 2019. The conference will be held at the Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons (25092 Ness Rd). RSVP's for the sponsored conference luncheon are being accepted through Friday, February 22. The conference is free for women in the SEK area who are involved or interested in agriculture. RSVP by contacting the Wildcat Extension District Altamont Office at 620-784-5337, Community National Bank and Trust at 620-922-3294 or the Labette County FSA office at 620-784-5431.

The conference is presented in an effort to give women a forum to network with other women producers, and obtain information about agriculture and rural farm life, including everything from government programs to alternative types of agriculture. The changing dynamics and economics of farming operations and the farm household have led to changing roles for women, both on the farm and in their rural communities.

There is no cost to attend the conference, which includes a catered luncheon sponsored by Community National Bank & Trust locations of Southeast Kansas, and goody bags and door prizes provided by area merchants.

The day begins with a short welcome at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to end by 2:30 p.m. Opening the day will be the always popular Q&A session with State Representative, Rich Proehl. Next we will hear about cattle theft and foreign animal disease from Kansas Department of Ag's Andy Hawkins. There will be short topics on fruit trees, Rocking Horse Miniatures, beginning beekeeping, and information from a cut flower farmer/florist. After lunch, there will be presentations on FSA updates, estate planning and crop insurance 101.

If you would like to attend, RSVP by Friday, February 22. Again, RSVP by contacting the Wildcat Extension District Altamont Office at 620-784-5337, Community National Bank and Trust at 620-922-3294 or the Labette County FSA office at 620-784-5431.

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